

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1440
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Funds for Issuance of RICs
Birla Shri Om

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated, utilized and released for issuing Resident Identity Cards (RICs) during the last two years, State-wise;
- (b) the details of RICs issued till date, State-wise including Rajasthan;
- (c) the details of the existing strength of RIC card-readers and plans for increasing its strength, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Ministry proposes to reconsider the use of RIC with AADHAAR being a widely used form of identity and can lead to overlapping; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken to solve this issue and if not, the reasons for continuance of the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (c): The Government had approved a scheme, at an estimated cost of Rs 216.31 crore in 2009 for the creation of National Population Register (NPR) in 3331 coastal villages and towns of Andaman & Nicobar Islands in the 13 Maritime States/ Union Territories and issuance of Resident Identity Cards (RICs) to all usual residents of age 18 years and

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above in these coastal areas. The project was successfully completed in March, 2013 with the issuance of more than 65 lakh cards to the usual residents in these areas. Total 4963 Card Readers have been provided to Coastal Security Agencies and Fisheries Departments for verification of identity of residents. The details of States/UTs-wise RICs issued till date is at Annexure-I. The details of Card Readers issued till date is at Annexure-II.

(d) & (e): With the introduction of Aadhaar Card in all the States/UTs, the RIC cards are being used in the remote areas as connectivity may not be good. In respect of Fishermen, Bio-metric cards, issued by the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, are needed because there is no online connectivity.
